



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6982

*House of Representatives, April 28, 2005*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE CONNECTICUT JUVENILE TRAINING SCHOOL.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a critical  
2 response team to make recommendations concerning the  
3 reorganization and operation of the Connecticut Juvenile Training  
4 School. The critical response team shall consist of twenty-four  
5 members as follows: (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
6 Management, or the secretary's designee; (2) the Commissioner of  
7 Children and Families, or the commissioner's designee, the director of  
8 the Juvenile Services Bureau of the Department of Children and  
9 Families, or the director's designee, and one additional representative  
10 of the Department of Children and Families who shall be  
11 knowledgeable regarding the treatment and rehabilitation of children  
12 and youths; (3) six members appointed by the Governor, one of whom  
13 shall be a representative of the Department of Correction, one of whom  
14 shall be a representative of the Department of Mental Health and  
15 Addiction Services, one of whom shall be a representative of the

16 Department of Education, one of whom shall be a representative of the  
17 Office of the Child Advocate, one of whom shall be a representative of  
18 the Commission on Children, and one of whom shall be a  
19 representative of a labor organization representing health care workers  
20 in this state; (4) one member who shall be a representative of The  
21 University of Connecticut School of Law; (5) two members, one of  
22 whom shall be a representative of a community-based nonprofit  
23 organization that is a residential treatment facility and one of whom  
24 shall be a representative of a community-based nonprofit organization  
25 that is not a residential treatment facility; (6) two members, each of  
26 whom shall be the parent of a child diagnosed with mental health  
27 needs and having a juvenile record of adjudication; (7) three members,  
28 each of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly and at least  
29 one of whom represents the residents of the area immediately  
30 surrounding the Connecticut Juvenile Training School; (8) one member  
31 who shall be a judge of the Superior Court having expertise in juvenile  
32 matters; (9) one member who shall be a child psychiatrist specializing  
33 in trauma-based treatment; (10) two members, each of whom shall be a  
34 licensed clinical psychologist; and (11) two members who shall be  
35 representatives of the two labor organizations representing the  
36 employees of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School. Seven of the  
37 members required by subdivisions (4) to (11), inclusive, of this  
38 subsection shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of  
39 Representatives and seven of such members shall be appointed by the  
40 president pro tempore of the Senate, as the speaker and president pro  
41 tempore shall mutually agree. All appointments to the critical response  
42 team shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of  
43 this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.  
44 The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall convene  
45 the first meeting of the critical response team not later than sixty days  
46 after the effective date of this section. The critical response team shall  
47 select cochairpersons from among its members, provided one  
48 cochairperson shall be a member of the General Assembly or an  
49 appointee of either the speaker of the House of Representatives or the  
50 president pro tempore of the Senate and one cochairperson shall be a

51 representative of the executive branch or an appointee of the  
52 Governor.

53 (b) The critical response team shall have as its primary purpose the  
54 possible reorganization of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School for  
55 educational or health care use. If such reorganization is determined by  
56 the critical response team to be in the best interest of juveniles, the  
57 critical response team shall have as its secondary purpose the  
58 development of recommendations for relocating the children currently  
59 placed in the Connecticut Juvenile Training School to more  
60 appropriate regional facilities based on the system implemented in the  
61 state of Missouri.

62 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2006, the  
63 critical response team established under section 1 of this act shall  
64 submit a report of its recommendations to the joint standing  
65 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
66 relating to the judiciary and human services, and the select committee  
67 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
68 children, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
69 general statutes. Such report shall include: (1) A proposed design and  
70 demonstration for the restructured and reorganized Connecticut  
71 Juvenile Training School, as appropriate; (2) a timetable for relocating  
72 children placed in the Connecticut Juvenile Training School to more  
73 appropriate regional facilities; and (3) a summary of the  
74 recommendations of the critical response team and a list of such  
75 recommendations prioritized by order of importance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Cost	Minimal
Various State Agencies	GF - None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

It is expected that representatives of the Departments of Children and Families, Correction, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Education; the Offices of the Child Advocate, and Policy and Management; the Commission on Children, the University of Connecticut School of Law and the Judicial Department can participate in the activities of the critical response team and contribute to the production of the required report by January 1, 2006, within each agency's anticipated budgetary resources.

Appointing three members of the General Assembly to serve on the critical response team will result in a minimal cost to Legislative Management for legislator mileage reimbursement of 40.5 cents per mile.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 40      Nay 0